MINUTES of Franklin County Democratic Party
Central & Executive Committee Meeting
Held on April 23rd 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting was held on Thursday, April 23rd, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Meeting called to order by Franklin County Democratic Party Chairman, Michael Sexton.

Pledge of Allegiance led by FCDP Secretary, Erin Gibbons.

Party updates from FCDP Chairman, Michael Sexton.

Energize Our Roots update from FCDP Executive Committee Member, John Gilligan.

Volunteer and event updates from FCDP Executive Director, Kim Agyekum.

Rules of the Central & Executive Committee meeting explained by FCDP Chairman Sexton (speakers must be recognized by the Chairman, limited to three minutes each, only one person may speak at a time, all speakers may only speak once on a given issue, all comments must be relevant to the discussion at hand and all votes must be by a show of hands).

Motion to accept rules approved by majority vote.

FCDP Executive Director, Kim Agyekum, gives technical instructions on Zoom voting.

FCDP Treasurer, Mike Schadek, delivers Treasurers report.

Motion to approve appointments to the Franklin County Democratic Party Central and Executive Committees. The following individuals were approved by unanimous vote:

Central Committee:
Dennis Ginty, Columbus Ward 76
Maria Cortez, Columbus Ward 80

Executive Committee:
Randy Borntrager
Kristin Bryant

Oath of Office for new Executive and Central Committee Members administered by FCDP Parliamentarian, Brian Shinn.

Director of the Franklin County Board of Elections, Antone White, gives overview of the City of Whitehall, June 23rd, 2026 Special Election ballot issues and language.

Chair of the FCDP Screening Committee, Gretchen James, presented the Committee report and recommendation for the City of Whitehall June 23rd, 2026 Special Election on Issues 1, 2, and 3.

Committee members included Shaquille Alexander, Chris Binder, Steve Campbell, Deborah Curry, Gretchen James (Committee Chair), Chadd Smith, Melissa Sull, Michael Sexton (FCDP Chair), and Mary Woods.

Motion to endorse yes vote on City of Whitehall Issues 1, 2, & 3.

Discussion.

Motion to call the question.

Motion passes.

Motion to endorse yes vote on City of Whitehall Issues 1, 2, & 3 passes.

FCDP Secretary, Erin Gibbons, entertains a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the February 12th, 2026 Meeting of the Franklin County Democratic Party.

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the February 12th, 2026 Meeting of the Franklin County Democratic Party and to approve the minutes from the February 12th, 2026 Meeting of the Franklin County Democratic Party as submitted.

Motion passes.

Old Business

New Business

Discussion regarding Columbus Issue 5 on the May 5th, 2026 Primary Election ballot.

Motion to endorse Columbus Issue 5 in the May 5th, 2026 Primary Election.

Motion passes.

Announcements

Saturday June 6th, 2026 Executive Committee Retreat

April 28th, 2026 Stacie Baker campaign conversation at Edmund's Barber Shop at 6 p.m.

Motion to adjourn

Motion passes.